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TO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY DOHA

AMCONSUL JERUSALEM

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AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

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AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - JULY 21

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE, FOLLOWING ARE
EXCERPTS FROM DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING FOR JULY 21,
1977. FYI ONLY, THE OFFICER DURING THE BRIEFING TODAY
WAS JOHN TRATTNER.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON THE SECRETARY'S TRIP TO THE
MIDDLE EAST, PLEASE?

A. I DON'T YET. WE ARE JUST ABOUT WHERE WE WERE YESTER-
DAY. WE WILL GET TO YOU QUICKLY ON ALL OF THIS. THE
USUAL FORMALITIES HAVE TO BE GONE THROUGH, NOTIFICATION
AND AGREEMENT OF ALL THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED, BEFORE WE
ANNOUNCE THE TRIP. AND WE WILL DO SO, I AM CONFIDENT,
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VERY SHORTLY.

Q. HOW ABOUT THE CLASH IN LIBYA AND EGYPT? DO YOU HAVE
YOUR OWN CONFIRMATION OF IT, AND DO YOU DEPLORE IT, OR
APPROVE IT, OR HAVE NO COMMENT?

A. I DON'T KNOW FOR A FACT IF WE HAVE CONFIRMATION.
WE HAVE ALL BEEN READING WHAT HAS BEEN COMING OVER VARIOUS

PRESS REPORTS, AND I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU ANY
INDEPENDENT CONFIRMATION OF THE KIND YOU WANT, OR GIVE YOU
ANY COMMENT FOR NOW. I JUST DON'T HAVE ANY.

Q. PRIME MINISTER BEGIN SAID YESTERDAY HE EXPECTS AN
ANNOUNCEMENT TO COME OUT THIS WEEK ON BILATERAL TALKS ON
CO-PRODUCTION OF ARMS, AND HE SAID IT WOULD BE A POSITIVE
ANNOUNCEMENT. DO YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS COMING OUT AND
WHEN?

A. I THINK VERY SHORTLY. I THINK IT WILL BE HERE, BUT
I DON'T THINK IT WILL BE TODAY.

Q. IS THERE ANY REQUEST FROM THE ARAB AMBASSADORS TO BE INFORMED ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TALKS HERE WITH MR. BEGIN?

A. I CAN'T ANSWER YOU PRECISELY. I WOULD HAVE TO LOOK INTO THAT. I JUST DON'T KNOW.

Q. HAS A DECISION BEEN MADE YET ON THE ISRAELI REQUEST FOR CO-PRODUCTION OF THE F-16'S?

A. NO. I THINK THAT ALL OF THAT SEGMENT OF THEIR INTEREST IS UNDER REVIEW.

Q. DOES THE UNITED STATES HAVE ANY INDICATION THAT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ARAB COUNTRIES MIGHT ACCEPT MR. BEGIN'S FORMULA FOR EXCLUDING THE PLO FROM THE GENEVA TALKS IN ANY WAY?

A. I AM NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO ANSWER YOU ON THAT. I THINK THAT IS GOING TO HAVE TO AWAIT THE SECRETARY'S TRIP AND A LOT OF OTHER INTERVENING EVENTS. I AM NOT ABLE TO GIVE YOU AN ANSWER.

Q. IS THE SECRETARY GOING TO HAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE, BEFORE HE LEAVES?

A. YES. I THINK PRETTY CERTAINLY HE WILL HAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE SOME DAY NEXT WEEK.

Q. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN SAY ON EGYPT AND LIBYA OTHER THAN YOU ARE AWARE OF THE REPORTS?

A. I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO OFFER YOU A DESCRIPTION OF THE INCIDENT. IT IS A VERY RECENT OUTBREAK. OBVIOUSLY EVERYBODY IS SIMPLY FOLLOWING IT AS CLOSELY AS THEY CAN. WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO ASSESS, CONFIRM, OR

CHARACTERIZE IT.

2. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS POSTED IN THE DEPARTMENT PRESS OFFICE IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION TAKEN AT THE JULY 20 PRESS BRIEFING:

Q. WHEN GOVERNOR SCRANTON RETURNED FROM HIS MEETING WITH THE PLO REPRESENTATIVE, WHEN AND TO WHOM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE DID HE GIVE HIS REPORT?

A. --AS A COURTESY, GOVERNOR SCRANTON CAME IN LAST UNCLASSIFIED

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THURSDAY MORNING (JULY 14) TO TALK TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY
ATHERTON ABOUT HIS MEETING.

--AS WE HAVE SAID, GOVERNOR SCRANTON WAS IN NO WAY ACTING
AS AN INTERMEDIARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, AND IT WOULD
BE INCORRECT TO CHARACTERIZE HIS TALK WITH ASSISTANT
SECRETARY ATHERTON IN THAT VEIN.

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